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For: **SPACER APPARATUS FOR SUSPENSION BEAM BUSHING ASSEMBLIES**

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND/OR
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Sir:

In response to the official Action dated August 25, 2003, Applicants elect Species I shown in FIGS. 2 and 2A-2C for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claim 1 and dependent claims 2-4 are readable on Species I.

In view of the above, it is submitted that a complete reply to the requirement has been made, and early examination of the invention is hereby respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Sir:

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No fee is deemed necessary; however, should a fee be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which might be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-0983.

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